Board Meeting held on 16th November, 2005 and the Board have taken the following decisions:-

(i) All Commission Vendors/Bearers should be regularized with complete relaxation of educational qualifications instead of ability to read and write. However, not more than 2 opportunities should be given to an individual for such regularization. Such individuals who do not avail the maximum permissible 2 opportunities should be treated as 'not interested' and should be debarred.

(ii) All commission Vendors/Bearers should retire at an age of 60 years.

(iii) In case of those Commission Vendors/Bearers who are absorbed as Group 'D' staff on the Railwys, direct compassionate appointment to their widow/ward will be permissible as per the extant rules in case of their death or medical incapacitation before their retirement.

You are requested to absorb the Commission Vendors/Bearers immediately on the guidelines.

Action taken report on the above may kindly be furnished at the earliest for appraisal of Board.

Sd/-

(Dr. P.K. Goel)
Executive Director/T&C
Railway Board

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CPOs & CCMs of Zonal Railways, for information & necessary action.

Curbing shortage and black marketing of fertilizers

†*150. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50 per cent urea and fertilizers, sent to the States under the Essential Commodities Act, are given full subsidy;

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(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the companies dump these fertilizers at the nearerst place due to which these fertilizers accumulate, in large quantity, at one place and shortage of the same at other places prompts black marketing thereof; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to do away with this mismanagement?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Amount of subsidy paid on urea for quantities dispatched both under Essential Commodity Act (ECA) allocation as well as non-ECA quantities is same except for the fact that the equated freight payable for the quantities of urea dispatched outside ECA allocation is less by Rs. 100/- MT than the freight rate pqyable for quantities of ureas dispatched under ECA alloction.

(b) The Department of Fertilizers ensures availability of urea which is under partial movement control, at the State level. The State Governments are required to ensure its availability and sale at MRP in different parts of the State to correspond to the assessed requirement. Adequate provisions exist under the Essential Commodity Act and Fertilizer (Control) Order empowering the States to ensure this as also to prevent black marketing.

(c) For ensuring the availability of Fertilizers in all parts of the country, the Department is introducting an online Fertilizer Monitoring System, which will *inter alia,* track movement of fertilizers up to district Jevel, which will prevent accumulation of fertilizers at select places. Moreover, rail freight reimbursement on actual basis up to rake point and rationalization of road freight in order to encourage equitable distribution and movement of urea is also under consideration.

Procurement of mustard at MSP

†*151. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government policy on procurement of mustard on support price during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

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